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### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Lanks, 230,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Massachusetts, Georges, 110,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt fish, 6000 lbs. halibut. Sch. Sheffeyld, Rips, 35,000 lbs, salt cod.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 17,000 lbs. salt cod, 300 lbs. halibut.

Sch, Mary Cabral, via Boston.

Sch. Lafayette, swordfishing.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Julietta, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore. Sch. Almeida, via Boston.

Sch. Valentiuna, swordfishing.

Sloop Eva Avina, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Frances Whalen, shacking.

Sch. Matchless, shacking.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, shacking.

Sch. Victor, seining. Sch. Mary F. Curtis, seining.

Seh. Maggie and May, salt banking.

Sch. Patriot, Georges.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, seining.

Seh. Maud M. Story, Rips.

Sch. Harmony, shacking.

Sch. M. S. Ayer, shacking.

Sch. Golden Rod, seining.

#### Today's Pish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.621-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1,00; pollock, 75e; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snappercusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.671-2.

Bank hrlibut, 5 ets. per lb. right through. Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. fer white

### ON THE RIPS.

## Sch. George Parker Struck Good Mackerel Trip.

### Salled Tuesday Night and at Boston This Morning.

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, is at Boston this morning with a fine fare, 10,-000 fresh mackerel in count, selling at 15 1 2 cents each.

The Parker was at Boston on Tuesday with a big fare of salt and Iresh mackerel. She took out her whole trip there that day and salled for the fishing grounds again on Tuesday night. When she came along for market on this other trip, Capt. McKay did not want to be hampered with two seineboats, so he anchored one as he came along on the Rips, and was bound back to pick her up when he secured this present fare, about 75 miles south southeast of Highland light, which would bring him down on the Rips, where the Rips cod fishermen have been reporting mackerel schooling for the past two weeks. Capt. Mc-Kay has thus made three trips and a fine stock in a very short time. . .

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# SALT FAMINE THREATENS.

Situation Here at Present Considered Very Serious.

### BUT LITTLE TRAPANI ON HAND

Blg Curers Say None Will Be Left by Monday.

Gloucester, at the present time, is facing a salt famine, and by Monday, should no craft arrive with a cargo of Trapani salt, the situa tion, so the big curers and shippers of fish say, will be very serious.

A leading fish dealer said this morning that outside of 400 hogsheads of salt in the hold of one salt banker at the wharf of one of the firms here, he did not think that there were 1000 hogsheads of Trapani salt in the whole city, and this opinion was also expressed by other fish dealers. The situation is so bad. even at present, that concerns which are ta ing in fares of fresh fish are borrowing or trying to borrow salt ln small lots from those who have a little and are not liable to use it.

The cause of the scarcity of salt at this time is that more vessels have taken salt on their t ips this year than usual, and most of all, that the receipts of fresh fish at this port the present season from the fishing grounds direct and also from Boston, have been unusually large. These reasons are probably correct.

At present two cargoes of salt are bound here from Trapani and are considered about due, one of the vessels being 64 days out from Trapani. The average passage of a salt vessel to this port at this time of the year is about 50 or 55 days, so these two crafts are considered due at any moment. It is understood, however, that there is nothing certain about the time of the arrival of these crafts, for some have been 70 to 90 days on the pas

The big bardlers of fresh fish say that it no Trapani salt arrives by Monday, and allowing that shack continues to come in this week as it has been coming, famine conditions will exist on that day. Efforts are being made to se cure 500 hogsheads of Trapani sait which are at Portland, and if successful, a lighter will be sent down for it. But this will not go far.

Of course the whole matter hinges on when the salt bark or barks arrive. Should they reach here by Monday, the situation will be

changed, but should they not arrive for several days after that, the dealers say that it will mean the constant re-icing of trips which will have to lie in port and will be in danger of spoiling or the necessity of throwing the fares overboard, making a total loss for owners and

One of the leading fish dealers, a very conservative man, said this morning that the seriousness of the situation could not be overestimated, and until what little salt that remained was gone, it would not be fully realized. He had learned that no help could be expected from Boston, where there was also very little on hand.

So, many and eager are the eyes now turned seaward daily, hoping to sight the wel-come topsails of the expected and very-much-longed-for bark with her much-needed salt July 27

### HAD FINE TRIP.

Gloucester Skipper Went Captain of a Yacht.

Took a Party from Faithaven to Quebec.

Capt. John Martin of this port returned home a few days ago after a pleasant six weeks command of the sch. yacht Harbinger of Fair-

Capt. Martin was engaged to take the yacht, with the owner and his sons on board, from Faithaven, Conu., to Quebec, from whence the party was to travel farther north, and Capt. Martin was to come home. The trip was a fine one and occupied six weeks. Capt. Martin, who is well acquainted on the Maine and Nova Scotia coasts, picked out the prettiest spots along the shore to anchor, so that the party on board could enjoy the scenery. The trip was made in easy stages and many ports were visited.

The owner and his sons were much pleased with the skillful manner in which Capt. Martin handled the craft and picked out pretty and attractive anchorages, and Capt. Martin says that they seemed to appreciate all that was done for them and showed their apprecia ation in a substantial manner.

#### Captured a Big Shark.

An 800 pound shark invaded Bailey's beach at Newport, yesterday, where only fashion disports itself in the sea. If the monster had come a few hours later he might have depleted the ranks of the 400, for he was of the maneating variety and evidently hungry. Some fishermen and 10 men from the life saving crew at Breton's reef went out in boats and attacked the shark. There was a sharp, short fight and the shark was towed upon the sands, boxed, loaded and sent to New York.

#### RING FOUND IN FISH.

#### Probable Loser Gives Circumstances of Its Loss.

While a fish was being dressed at the wharf of the Gloucester Fish Company in February, 1876, a plain gold ring was taken from its paunch, which was brought to the Cape Ann Advertiser office, and later an account of the find was published in "The Fishermen's Own Book." The ring had the appearance of being in the keeping of the fish for some time, but the mark 18K, signifying the quality of the gold, was plainly discernible on the inside. Mr. Edward Keating, while in New Jersey, read an account of the finding of the ring, as published in the books and in a call at the TIMES office this forencen states that he believes that he was the loser of the ring.

He states that just previous to that time he was one of the crew of sch. Siren of Beverly, and before going on the trip exchanged rings with a lady friend. Her ring was a trifle large for his finger, and while beating his hands on the banks one day to restore them to warmth, the ring was dropped overboard from his finger. He described the ring as a plain gold band, flat on the inside and partially round on the outside.

Mr. Keating explains his long delay is just bringing the matter to notice by saying thet this is his first visit to this city since the item was seen by him, he having been absent in the July 27

SHACK PRICES DROP.

Board of Trade Fisheries Committee Held a Special Meeting.

At a special meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade yesterday, it was decided to make a slight cut in the present prices of fresh cusk, bake and haddock. Despite the fact that the receipts of shack have been exceptionally heavy this season, extra high prices have been maintained, so that the cut really leaves the kinds of fish affected at a fine figure Fresh hake will now be 90 cents per hundred pounds, fresh cusk, \$1.50 and western haddock, \$1.10, with eastern haddock at \$1.

#### Big Shack Trips.

Sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robbins, arrived this morning with a big fare of fresh fish, having 160,000 pounds, mostly hake, it being one of the largest shack trips of the

Sch. Quickstep also has a big shack trip 120,000 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Indiana from the same kind of fishing, has 125,000 pounds of fresh fish.

### Bait Scarce at Newfoundland.

Letters received from Newfoundland at Lunenburg, N. S., states that bait to scarce at Newfoundland and that 50 Lunenburg vessels are at different ports on the island waiting for tait and none had secured any at the time of

### Dogfish on the Banks.

The Lunenburg banker Hilda C., which arrived at her home port from the banks last Saturday, reports that the dogfish are causing the fishermen much trouble on the banks.

The annual value of the

THE IRISH fish caught by Irish fisher-FISHING ermen is estimated to be be-INDUSTRY. tween \$14,303,000 and \$19,-

000,000, of which about

\$290,000 goes to private proprietors and the remainder to the fishermen under the commonlaw rights. The number of men engaged in Irish sea fisheries in 1903 was approximately 25,000, and the number of boats 6235. That was the best | year the lrish sea fisheries have

There is a tendency to use larger boats for this industry, and the question of better harbor facilities and transportation is being agitated, as with a lack of cold-storage warehouses and the absence of refrigerator cars the industry is at present much hampered. During the year 1903 the department of agriculture afforded instruction in the various matters concerning fishing, and made loans amounting to \$13,138 to fishermen to enable them to purchase and repair boats and obtain gear. The department also distributed to fishing centres in Ireland twice a week by telegraph information as to the progress of mackerel fishing. Its steam cruiser, assisted by another steam versel, was employed during the year in preventing steam trawlers from fishing within the prohibited areas.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 130,000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Georges, 250 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Margie Smith, Georges, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, via Boston.
Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Georges, 200 bb s. salt mackerel.

Sch. Yakima, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh

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Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl. Outside sales fresh bake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.

Bank hrlibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 ets. per lb. for gray.

Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14.25 per bbl.; rimmed, \$14.50 per bb'.

Seh. Flavilla, 22,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 400

Sch. Canopus, 3500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Seh. Selma, 85,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 6000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 2000 haddock, 17,-000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Motor, 109 swordfish.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 83 swordfish.

Sch. Nakomis, 60 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$2 75; market ood, \$1.75; pollock, 80 cents.

#### Mackerel Notes.

The traps at Lunenburg, N. S., had 600 large mackerel on Tuesday.

From Penobscot Bay come reports of many schools of tinker mackerel. Several schools have been seen from Fort Point and a number of fish have been taken by men fishing off schooners anchored off Fort Point Cove.

The fare of sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufns McKay, at Boston yesterday, netted the craft \$1085, which was certainly a fine return for a 35 hour trip, which, by the way, is the quiekest mackerel trip of the season at Boston,

The fares of schs. Lucinda I. Lowell and Margie Smith sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$14.25 per bbl.

Founded on Herring Bones

Dutch monopoly of the North sea fishing grounds during the seventeenth century brought such wealth and pros-perity to Amsterdam that the capital of Holland was popularly said to be founded on herring bones. No less than 50,000 Hollanders were directly engaged in fishing the coasts from near Yarmouth to as far north as the Shetlands, and 150,000 more were employed, indirectly, in the distribution and sale of the fish. Sir Walter Raleigh pointed out to James I. how the Dutch sold to the Yarmouth herring mongers fish caught in their own seas for English gold, with which they built annually a thousand ships and fishing

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Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, arrived this morning from a Georges halibuting trip with a splendid fare, 110,000 pounds of fresh and 5000 pounds of salt fish and 6000 pounds of halibut. The vessel was gone but two we k; and tapt. Carroll is doing well at this kind of fishing.

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Sch. Priscilla, Georges, 12,000 lbs. sait cod. Soh. Lillian, Tremont, Me., 800 qtls. cured

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Canopus, via Boston,

Sch. Emma W. Brown, Georges, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.

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### Boston.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 17,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. George Parker, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, fresh mackerel. Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 23,000 haddock, 2000

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75; mackerel, 14 cents.

### SOUID ON GRAND BANK.

Lunenburg, N. S., Reports Say They Are Plentiful.

Report at This Time Is a Most Encouraging One.

A Lunenburg, N. S., despatch says that reports from some of its bankers are to the effect that squid are plentiful on Grand Bank and that the reports from the bank are of a much more encouraging nature than for some time past. If the report of squid on the bank is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, nobody around here will care particularly about Premier Bond's famous Bait Act.